



ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

10:00AM

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Page numbers in this leaflet refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**. The Holy Eucharist Rite I begins on page 323 of the BCP. The hymns and service music are sung from the blue **Hymnal 1982**. Numbers with the letter "S" preceding are in the Service Music section at the front of the Hymnal.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf"

J. S. Bach

Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #58

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

St. Thomas

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982, S 90

Lord, have mercy upon us

John Merbecke

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

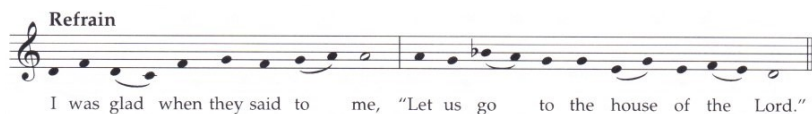
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Plainsong, Tone 1

The Refrain is intoned by the Cantor, then repeated by Choir and Congregation.

The verses are sung by the choir, and the Refrain is sung by all where indicated.



1 I was glad when they said to me,*

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Refrain

3 Jerusalem is built as a city*

that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,*

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment,*

the thrones of the house of David.

Refrain

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*

"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls*

and quietness within your towers.

Refrain

8 For my brethren and companions' sake,*

I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,*

I will seek to do you good."

Refrain

The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Anthem—Lift Up Your Heads

Mark Schweizer

*Refrain: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!*

1. Fling wide the portals of your heart, make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
2. Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; from us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.
3. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won; eternal praise, eternal fame he offered, Savior, to thy name!
4. O come, o come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
5. O come, Desire of Nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

The congregation stands for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Ps 85: 7
V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The Hymnal 1982, #66

Stuttgart

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beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy*)

The Hymnal 1982, S 113
Merbecke

The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

The Hymnal 1982, S 119

At the Fraction

The Hymnal 1982, S 157

O Lamb of God

Merbecke

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.
Gluten Free wafers are available. Simply request gluten free from the Celebrant
at the time of Distribution.*

Hymn during the Communion

The Hymnal 1982, #53

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

The Postcommunion Prayer

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*All who desire the Laying on of Hands for Healing should move
to the Lady Chapel during the introduction to the Hymn.*

Postcommunion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

The Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Voluntary Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

— FOR THE SERVICE —

Celebrant and Preacher - The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

Lector - Suzanne Smith

Lay Eucharistic Ministers - Betsy Mayo, Bob Birch

Acolyte - Cameron Gutwein

Organist - Mark Engelhardt

Ushers - Sara Alves, Dermot McGrath

Altar Guild - Rosemary Johnson, Dawn Johnston, Irene Feola

— PARISH NOTICES —

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR. In the three year cycle of lessons read on Sundays, we begin anew with Year A. The season of Advent provides four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is marked with a change of the liturgical color to purple, reminding us to repent, but purple is also the ancient color of kings, reminding us of the kingship of Our Lord. Another marker for the season is the Advent Wreath. During these brief four weeks, we sing some of the most beautiful hymns of our tradition. On December 11, The Third Sunday of Advent, The Parish Choir will lead us in a special observance of Advent with a shortened version of Lessons and Carols sung as the Liturgy of the Word in our 10am Eucharist. Following the service, we will have the “Greening of the Church.” The traditional “Christmas Pageant” will be presented as the Liturgy of the Word on Sunday morning, December 18.

THE NEXT ALTAR GUILD MEETING will be at 9am NEXT Sunday, December 4 in the Lounge.

BIBLE STUDY continues on Tuesdays at 10:30am. Sunday Bible study begins at 9am. All are invited!

THE ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be on Tuesday, 13 December, 12:30pm in the Lounge. A catered hot buffet luncheon will be served at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Reservations are a must and may be made by calling Linda Brady at 631-665-8330 before 9 December. Guests may participate in a Christmas Grab-Bag with a \$5.00 limit. Join us for fun and fellowship — all women of the parish are invited.

THE ECW IS REVIVING AN OLD CUSTOM — “SOCKS FOR SAINTS.” A collection box placed in the narthex is for socks plus hats, gloves and mittens for men, women, and children. Items will be collected until Christmas and will benefit the needy in our community. All items must be new. Thank you for your generous donations!

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY . . . Our Angel Tree will be up starting this Sunday! We are in the process of gathering names of individuals and families in need of extra Christmas joy this season. This year we will be collaborating with New Hour, a non-profit based on the grounds of St. Joseph in Brentwood. New Hour assists women and families whose lives have been impacted by incarceration and the justice system.

<https://www.newhourli.org/about-us> Please feel free to take an ornament with a first name and a wish list on it and shop for your individual in need.

We ask that you return all items clearly marked and wrapped to St Peter's by the 10am service Dec 18th. They will then be delivered to New Hour so they can disperse them to families at their annual Christmas party. We thank you and we appreciate all your support!

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA) now meets on Tuesdays in the Lounge at 7pm. For additional information, please call the church office at 631-665-0051 ext. 157.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS . . . INTO THE LIGHT. **Babylon Chorale** will sing the first concert of their 2022-2023 season at St. Peter's on Sunday, December 4 at 4pm. Advance tickets are available on their website for \$20/General Admission; \$12/Seniors and Students; and \$10 for children under 10.

— PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK —

We pray for those who have asked our prayers: Abigail, Ann, Annette, Autumn, Betty C., Caroline, Chris, Corey, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Elizabeth, Felix (Sr.), Gary, Greg, Jane, Jean, Jill, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Lee, Matthew, Michelle, Muriel, Bishop Rodney Michel, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Shanti, Sister Joy, Sue, Susan, Tyler, Vincent, and William;

We pray for those who have died; and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Erik, John, Matt, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion diocese of Torit; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, gun violence, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Roosevelt; Trinity Church, Roslyn; St. Luke's, Sea Cliff; Brotherhood of St. Andrew Ministries in our Diocese to those with HIV/AIDS; St. Michael & All Angels, Seaford; Convention Committee on Dispatch;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai; and these Dioceses of Churches in the world-wide Anglican Communion: Nsukka (Nigeria); Nyahururu, Southern Nyanza (Kenya); Nyamiel, Nyang, Nzara (South Sudan).



BULLETIN INSERTS

November 27, 2022 – Advent 1 (A)

First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopal-church.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



Sunday, November 27 WORSHIP

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

Monday, November 28

GO

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

Tuesday, November 29

LEARN

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

Wednesday, November 30

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 1, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

Thursday, December 1

BLESS

We know that angels are God's special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with Mary, helping her to understand her part in God's story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

Friday, December 2

TURN

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

Saturday, December 3

REST

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.



BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Advent 1 (A)

November 27, 2022

[RCL] Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

A Real Joy by the Rev. Bertie Pearson

Today we enter a transformational, even magical time of year: for this is... the weekend between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, and there are only 26 shopping days left until Christmas! It is time to spread sweetness and light among your loved ones by making all the right purchases. Deck the halls! Contemplate Rudolph! Be overwhelmed by the magic and joy of the season — *at any cost!* But I'm afraid I have some disappointing news: This year's Christmas party is going to be exactly like the one last year, at the big family dinner, political differences are going to lie tensely below the surface, and the kids will be obsessed with their new toys for a day or two, before they get lost in the back of a closet, never to be seen again. The new bracelet is going to be put in the jewelry box with the others, the new golf clubs are going to work a lot like the old ones did, and December will turn into January. We are promised so much at this time of year, but it's usually a little disappointing. That being said, it does seem like a profound marketing mistake on the part of the church to refuse to play into all of this. Why doesn't Jingle Bells appear in our Hymnal? Couldn't we get an inflatable Santa for the church lawn? Christmas is really a church thing, so why shouldn't we draw in the holiday crowds by selling a little Christmas magic, too? Instead, we miss the holiday boat yet again this year, as we begin Advent with this decidedly *unfestive* passage from Romans. This is the season for reveling, for an extra cocktail, for coveting and bragging about our presents, but here comes bah-humbug St. Paul, saying, "Let us live... not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy." *What a grinch!* And yet, this is not because the Church is so puritanical that it can't sully its hands with the extra eggnog or Cyber Monday deal; it's not because the Church doesn't have a sense of joy that we keep a holy Advent. Instead, we as a Church keep the season of Advent because we are not interested in buying fake joy at 40% off, we *only* care about the real thing. The world's idea of pleasure is really just getting to a point at which our cravings leave us alone. You can wolf down three helpings of ham and four pieces of pie, but this rarely imparts actual joy — instead, you end up feeling ill — and in the longed-for gift, the joy is, at best, only momentary and fleeting.

St. Paul doesn't tell us that this *isn't* really the season to be jolly, instead, he tells us to, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." For St. Paul, the desires of the flesh are not only sensual desires, but all of the impulsive desires that rule us: the desire for revenge, the desire for wealth, the desire to prove others wrong, the desire to be seen as important by others — make no provision to gratify any of these, says St. Paul, but instead, put on the armor of light, put on the Lord Jesus Christ. In the desires of the flesh, joy is only a glimpse, a passing moment, if it's experienced at all. The only lasting joy is found in the source of all goodness, all peace, all love — in God. Advent is the season in which we look past Christmas and await the day on which we will meet God face-to-face.

In today's Gospel, we read about the Second Coming of Jesus; the great, awe-inspiring day, when the Son of Man returns. There is a modern "left behind" theology that paints the Second Coming of Christ as the worst thing ever to happen to humanity, but for the Apostles and all of the Mothers and Fathers of the Early Church, the second coming of Christ was seen as the *best thing* ever to happen to the world. Instead of praying to be raptured away and not have to face Christ's return, the early Church prayed daily "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and one of the oldest Christian prayers that has come down to us is so ancient that it wasn't written in Greek, but in Aramaic, the native language of the Apostles: this prayer is *Maranatha* — Come, O Lord! It is a prayer literally begging Christ to return ASAP! The end of time is not the terrible destruction of the world, but its restoration, its healing, its perfection. In this life, we catch only fleeting glimpses of the nature of God: in an embrace, in a joyous conversation, in a beautiful object, in a delicious meal — in these, we have intimations of what pure goodness is, what pure love or beauty is. But at the end of time, God, who is the actual *source* of all joy, all peace, all light, all love, will permeate every fiber of creation. St. John tells us that on that day there will be no light from the sun nor moon, because they will be as nothing compared to the light radiating from the face of Christ, from the throne of the Father, from the presence of the Holy Spirit. The fire of the glory of God will radiate from all things and fill the New Creation. In one episode of *The Simpsons*, Homer is sitting on the couch, throwing peanuts into his mouth. On his last throw, he misses, the peanut rolls under the couch, and he gets down on his hands and knees to reach blindly under the sofa. His hand touches something which he grasps and pulls out, and he opens his fist to reveal a hundred-dollar bill. His response is, "A hundred dollars!? But I wanted a peanut!"

Jesus tells us to be ready, to keep watch, so that on the last day, at the return of our Lord, we don't respond, "A new creation full of pure joy? But I wanted a Rolex! I wanted pie! I wanted pornography! I wanted revenge! I wanted a peanut!" And then turn our backs on the greatest gift ever given: the gift of absolute joy, absolute peace, absolute love, the gift of perfect unity with So how do you go about waking up this Advent? How do you prepare for the end of time? First of all, love God: make your relationship with Him your top priority, putting God above wealth, health, status, safety, and everything else; remember that worshipping God in church, praying, and reading Scripture each day are the most profoundly important things that you can do. And then love your neighbor, love every living icon of God, as you love yourself: overcoming selfishness in giving freely to those in need, overcoming pride through acts of kindness and humility, overcoming sin with love. Not because God, like Santa, will reward us for being good little boys and girls, but *so that you can detach yourself from these impulses*, so that you can forget the peanut and accept the fullness of God instead. And then, on the final day of the resurrection of the dead, when you awake from death and stand before the great judgment seat of Christ, you won't be filled with horror, disappointment, and dread — you won't be filled with materialist peanut longing — but instead will see in Him the fullness of eternal joy.

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Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach.*